## McKenzie House

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## How to Measure Roman Blinds

Decide whether you want your blinds to be "Outside Fit" (most recommended option) or "Inside Fit" (fitted within the window reveal) then use the appropriate measuring guide below.
NB. Always ensure there is solid timber behind where the blinds are to be fixed. If not, you will need to use wall plugs when fitting your blinds.

## Outside Fit/Face Fixed

For 'outside fit' roman blinds it is best to add 50 mm each side, 100 mm above and at least 60 mm (if not more) below the outside edges of the window architrave. This can be modified to suit your individual requirements - eg. to create a sense of added height in a room, position the blinds at the top of the wall. Or if you live in an older home with wide architraves it is usually best to fit the blind onto the top architrave so you don't need to add the 100 mm at the top.


A $(50 \mathrm{~mm})+\mathbf{B}$ (Width of architrave to outside edges) $+\mathbf{C}(50 \mathrm{~mm})=$ Finished width $\mathbf{E}(100 \mathrm{~mm})+\mathbf{F}$ (Height of architrave to outside edges) $\mathbf{+} \mathbf{G}(60 \mathrm{~mm})=$ Finished Drop

## Outside Fit/Top Fixed (For under pelmets or onto ceiling)

Use this option if you have existing pelmets or want to fit your romans onto the ceiling.
Measure in the same manner as for Outside Fit/Face Fixed blinds (as above). However, when measuring the drop, instead of adding 100 mm above the frame, measure from underneath the pelmet/ceiling as this is the surface onto which the blind will be fitted.

## Inside Fit

For blinds fitted inside the window reveal.
This is not a recommended option as it does not provide as much light control - there will be light gaps around the edges when down.
It can also highlight the fact that a window is not built square.
Blinds fitted inside the frame will cover more glass area when pulled up.

## Some important specifications to consider before measuring for Inside Fit

Minimum window reveal depth (front to back) for inside fit: 30 mm for standard cordoperated blinds and 50 mm for chain-driven blinds.
Take care to look for mullions and window hardware that might get in the way when fitting or using the blind.

Measure the inside width of the window reveal from wood to wood in three places at the top of the frame, in the middle and at the bottom. Use the smallest measurement - this is your overall width. Do not add or deduct anything as 10 mm will be deducted from the width during manufacture so that your blind doesn't rub on the window frame when it's being raised and lowered.

Measure the inside drop of the window reveal from wood to wood in three places - at the left, centre and right-hand side of the frame. Use the smallest measurement this is your overall drop. Do not add or deduct anything.


